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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the telephone interview of 25 July 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 07222005.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>07252005</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steven Koehler (applicant's representative) on 25 July 2005.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Delete the previous version of claim 1 and replace it with the following rewritten version of claim 1.

1. A device for compressing bulk goods into a bale, in view of packing the bulk goods bale-shaped on a pallet, comprising an upright, tubular shaft having an upper end and a lower end, a supplier adapted for supplying bulk goods to a feed opening in the shaft, a support placed below the lower end and adapted for supporting the bulk goods in the shaft, a press adapted for pressing the bulk goods present in the shaft downwards in order to compress said bulk goods into a bale, wherein the support comprises a pressing table, having a mover adapted for moving the pressing table between a position in which the bale is supported below the shaft and a position in which the bale is supported spaced sideways from the shaft, wherein the device is furthermore provided with a mechanism adapted for keeping a pallet in a position below

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the shaft and in a position below the pressing table, and with a discharger adapted for discharging the pallet including the bale away from the position below the shaft.

Explanation for Examiner's Amendment

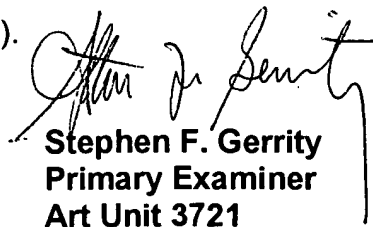
4. In light of the telephone interview (see attachment), claim 1 has been rewritten to more accurately reflect applicant's invention.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen F. Gerrity whose telephone number is (571) 272-4460. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 5:30 - 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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